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## COURSE OUTLINE

### Texts

Thomas Pugel, **International Economics**, thirteenth edition, Irwin/McGraw-Hill, 2006.

Charles Wheelan, **Naked Economics: Undressing the Dismal Science**, Norton, 2002.

Jim Eggert, **Invitation to Economics**, Mayfield Publishing, Company, 1991 (on the website).

### ASSIGNMENTS

The assignments below are mainly from the texts. The main text, Pugel provides good background, but most of the class discussion will be on the papers posted on the website under "readings for next class". The Wheelan book provides a good background of economic thinking with some applications of economics to contemporary issues. All the papers and references that we will need for the course can be found on the website. Because it is easy to up-date the website, if there is any discrepancy between this list and the website, the website is correct.

#### Introduction (January 8)

Pugel, chapter 1  
Wheelan, forward, introduction

#### Basic Microeconomic Concepts (January 10)

Eggert, chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11.  
Wheelan, Chapter 1.

#### Topics in Microeconomics--Markets and Competition (January 17, 22)

Eggert, chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17  
Wheelan, Chapters 2, 3, 4

#### Introduction to the Theories of International Trade (January 24)

Pugel, chapters 2, 3  
Wheelan, Chapter 5

#### Modern Theories of Trade (January 24)

Pugel, chapters 4, 5 and 6  
Wheelan, Chapter 6

#### Protectionism -- Tariffs and Non-Tariff Barriers (January 29)

Pugel, chapters 7, 8, 9, 10  
Eggart, chapter 18.  
Wheelan, Chapter 7

Trade Agreements, Environment and US Policy—GATT/WTO (January 31)  
Pugel, chapter 11, 13

Security, Global Competition and United States Trade Policy (February 5)  
Website readings

Economic Integration--North America/Europe (February 7)  
Pugel, chapter 12

Trade Policy and Developing Countries (February 14)  
Pugel, chapter 14.  
Wheelan, Chapters 11, 12

MIDTERM EXAMINATION (February 21)

Balance of Payments, Introduction to Exchange Rates (February 26)  
Pugel, chapters 16, 17, 18.

Determinants of Exchange Rates (February 26)  
Pugel chapter 19, 20  
Eggert, Chapter 19

Introduction to Macroeconomics/Balance of Payments Adjustment (February 28/March 5)  
Eggart, chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.  
Pugel, chapters 22, 23, 24, 25.  
Wheelan, Chapters 9, 10

International Monetary System, World Bank-IMF (March 7)  
Web-page readings

Factor Movements International/Lending Debt Crisis (March 12)  
Pugel, chapter 21

Foreign Investment/Multinationals/Future Patterns of Globalization (March 14)  
Pugel, Chapter 15  
Eggert, Chapter 20  
Wheelan, epilog

Final Examination (March 21, 1300-1450, GI-109)

### **Course Grade**

There are several options for a course grade:

Midterm and Country/Topic Paper (20 or so pages)--50% each

Midterm and Final Examination--50% each

For those who are thinking about a thesis with some economic content there is the option of a major research paper (30 or so pages)—100%